

# SOBER ADVISE TO MOCKERS:

Shewing the Unspeakable Danger of *SCOFFING* at any of

## Christ's Faithful Ministers.

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I'D have you, which too often do come here  
To Laugh, and at *Christ's* Minister to Jeer ;

(a) Luk. x. 6. Know, that 'tis (a) *God* and *Christ* which you despise,  
Who shortly will hide all *Grace* from your Eyes.

Of Scoffing, you'll find little cause to Boast ;  
When *Death* and *Judgment* doth your Souls Accost.

The *Devil* then and *Conscience* will Agree,  
To shew you *Sin* in its *Deformity* :

And when you see your *Sins* without *Disguise*,  
Your *GUILTY Souls* with Horror they'll *Surprize* :

And then those *Fools* that make a *Mock* at *Sin*,  
Will find, the Great God's *Mocking-time* begin.

(b) Prov. I. 6, 27. When ye're distress'd, and for his *Mercy* Cry,  
He'll (b) *Laugh*, and *Mock* at your *Calamity*.

Now you God's *Counsels* and *Reproofs* won't hear ;  
And then he will your *Angry Judge* appear.

Tho' God forbear long, he hath set a Day,  
In which he'll *Vengeance* to all *Scoffers* Pay.

Don't God *Provoke*, in whose hand is your *Breath* ;  
Lest whil'st you're *Scoffing*, he strike you with *Death*.

(c) 2 King. 23, 24. *Forty two Children* were destroyed all,  
That only did God's *Prophet* (c) *Bald-head* call ;

And how much forer *Punishment* do you  
Deserve, that know much better what you do ?

When God calls you at *Judgment* to Account,  
You'l find your *Sins* the *Sodomites* surmount ;

(d) Matth. the 11th, from the 20 to the 25th. And that it will (d) *more tolerable be*  
For *Tyre* and *Sidon*, in that day, than thee :

They never Sin'd against the *Gospel-Light*,  
Nor did the *Offers* of a *Saviour* flight,

As you have done ; And pray consider well,  
How you can with *eternal Burnings* dwell ?

If any Place in *Hell* be Hotter, sure  
Slighters of *Gospel-Grace* must it indure :

Believe and Tremble, and no longer dare  
Contempts of *Christ* so boldly to declare ;

But be Advis'd Sincerely to *Repent*,  
Lest you in *Hell* Eternally *Lament*.

For you will find, that Heaven is too High,  
To reach, with *Lord* have *Mercy*, when you Die.

If you Affect to be esteem'd Sententious,  
Find other *Theams*, and do not be Contentious.

With *Divine Truths* ; you'll find they are Edge-tools,  
That none dare Trifle with, but *Satan's Fools*.

If you have *Parts* without Truce *Saving Grace* ;  
They will but add Confusion to your Face.

These *Advertisements* cannot prove in vain ;  
They must Reform you, or Augment your Pain.

If they don't prove Effectual to Persuade ;  
You'll find in *Hell* your *Conscience* they'll Upbraid.

Weigh these *Truths* with the Reason of a Man ;  
And then Persist in *Scoffing*, if you can.

I'll Sum up all, with this Request ; I Pray,  
If you won't be Attentive, keep away.

We hither come, desiring to draw near  
The Great God, and to Worship him with Fear :

Thro' *Christ* to Praise him, and his *Grace* Implore ;  
T'accept his *Mercy*, and his *Love* Adore.

These are the Ends for which we here Attend ;  
And doubtless *Satan* doth you hither send,

On purpose, to Disturb and hinder those,  
That he fears will with *Gospel-Offers* close ;  
But still Remember, 'tis *Christ* you Oppose :

And in his Name, once more, I you desire,  
Not to Forget, (e) God's a *Consuming Fire*, &c.

(e) Heb. 12.29.

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